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SOURCE EVALUATIONS ARE DEFINITIVE. APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.

1. The airfield is located four kilometers west of Makhlata (N 43-27, E 24-16) and 500 meters west of the Iskur River. It is bordered on the north by a dirt road which connects Makhlata with Brezitsa[1] (N 43-26, E 24-08). The airfield runs in an east-west direction, but its extremities are not clearly delineated. This applies especially to its north-south extremity. The airfield, which is approximately two kilometers long, cannot be seen from the west because the trees along the banks of the Iskur River hide it from view.

2. The barracks area at the west of the airfield consists of six low buildings which are 40 x 6 meters in size. The buildings are painted pink and green for camouflage. Fifteen white tents for the troops and two large green tents, which seem to be command post tents, are located between the buildings. A weather vane is located southwest of these buildings. 25X1

3. A small covered fuel depot with two horizontal tanks is located east of the above buildings. The tanks are each approximately 20 cubic meters in size.

4. No hangars or runway were observed. The ground at the airfield and surrounding it was very dry. 25X1

5. Officers and men from the Air Force were seen among the buildings and in front of the entrance to the airfield.

6. Twelve FRANKS facing south were seen parked in an east-west direction. At noon there was a low ceiling and no aircraft were in the air. Consequently it is possible to assume that the airfield is occupied by a FRANK squadron since all aircraft were parked.

7. A brick factory with a 10-meter chimney is located northeast of the airfield, and small farm houses are located north of it.

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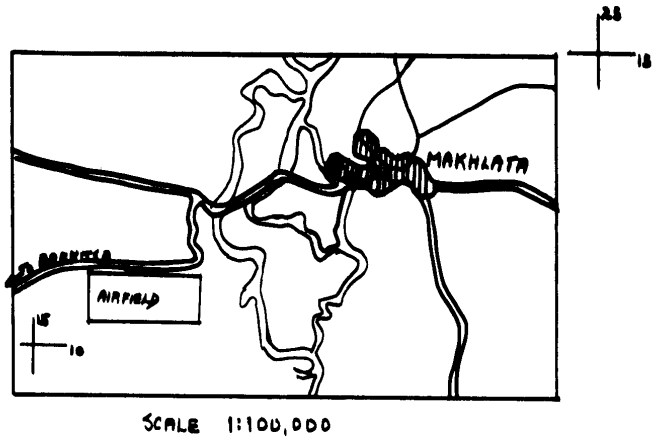
8. The following is the legend to the sketch which appears as an appendix on page 3: 25X1

1 - Buildings
2 - Tents
3 - Covered fuel tanks 25X1
4 - Entrance
5 - 12 FRANKS
6 - Brick factory with chimney
7 - Weather vane
8 - Farm houses

[redacted] Comment: Brenitsa is hilly and therefore not suitable as an airfield. Consequently we have named the airfield in this report Makhlata. We believe that this is only a temporary airfield, which is occupied between spring (end of April or beginning of May) and autumn. 25X1

Location of the Makhlata Airfield



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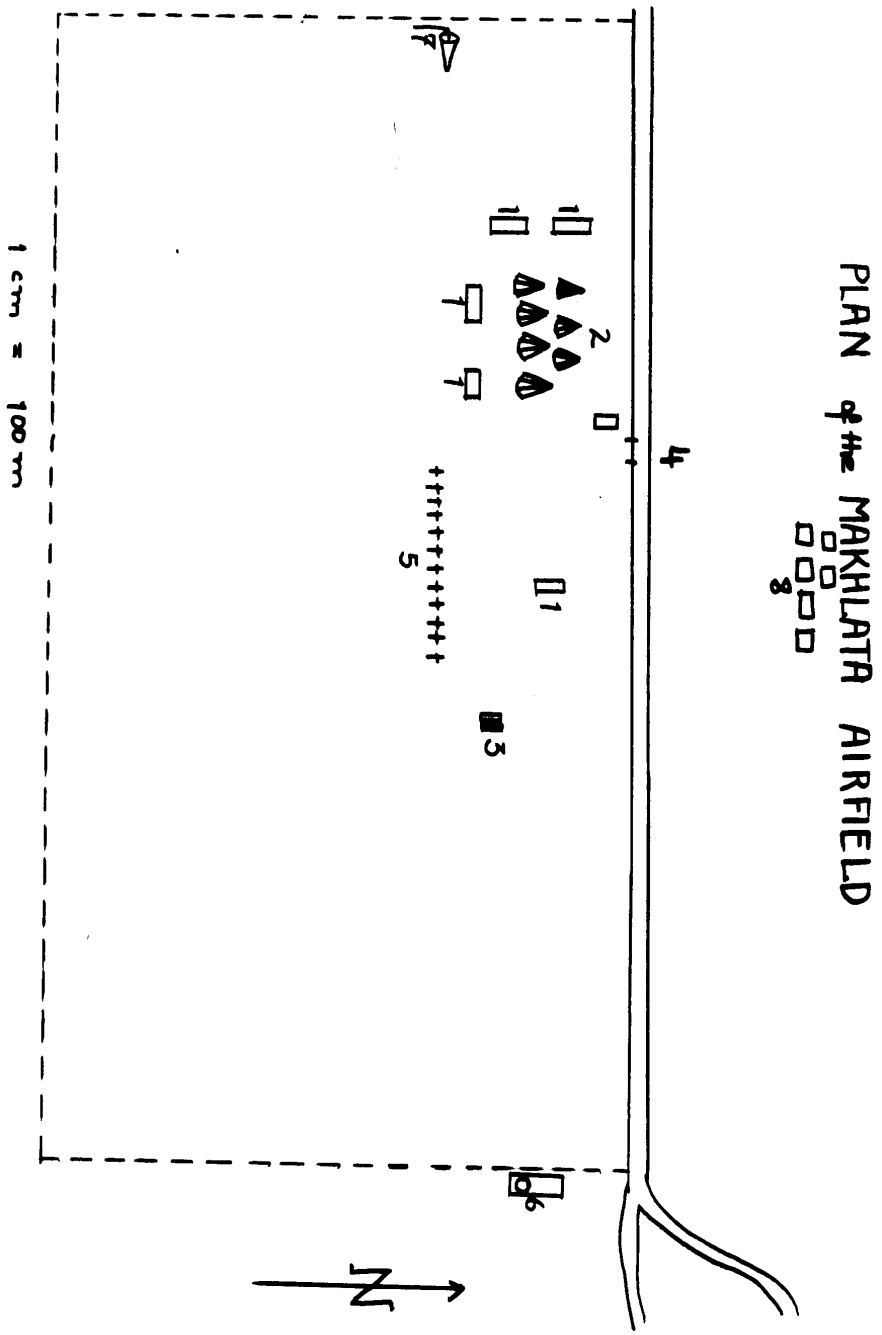

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